

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13 and 21-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 26 is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants sincerely acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 1-13 define patentable subject matter. However, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects claims 21-25 under obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 3-4, 6-7 and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,028,967. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants enclose a Terminal Disclaimer. It is respectfully submitted that the Terminal Disclaimer is sufficient to overcome the double patenting rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 21-25 under obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested.

Claim 26 is newly added by this Amendment and believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

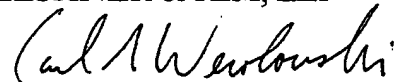
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If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carl R. Wesolowski**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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